

HOUSE RESOLUTION 64

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A RESOLUTION to honor the memory of Mary Jane Adair Tatum of Somerville.

WHEREAS, the members of this legislative body were greatly saddened to learn of the passing of Mary Jane Adair Tatum, an exemplary woman; and

WHEREAS, born on April 16, 1946, in Fayette County, Mrs. Tatum was the daughter of the late Vodie Lee Adair and Doshie Ella Hoskins Adair; she graduated from Fayette County High School; and

WHEREAS, Mary Jane Tatum was joined in holy matrimony with James Murrell Tatum on February 25, 1966; she enjoyed his love and companionship for fifty-five years; and

WHEREAS, Mrs. Tatum served as the director of Kiddy Day Care for many years until the time of her retirement; and

WHEREAS, an active member of Faith Church of God, Mrs. Tatum enjoyed baking; she baked many wedding cakes throughout her lifetime; and

WHEREAS, she was also deeply devoted to family, and she always endeavored to remain true to family values of the highest order; and

WHEREAS, in addition to her husband, she is survived by her siblings, Margaret Ann McElroy, Carolyn Adair, and Elton Adair; seven grandchildren, Erica (Mario) Tatum, Courtney (Matthew) McEwen, Rodney (Krista) Tatum, Sierra (Tyson) Barnes, Candice Tatum, Emma Huddleston, and Kristofer Bowers; and nine great-grandchildren, Mya Tatum, Madison Jones, Cameron Barnes, Caroline Barnes, Houston Tatum, Scout Tatum, Sofia Tatum, Sam McEwen, and Jovie McEwen; and

WHEREAS, in addition to her parents, she was preceded in death by her two sons, Rodney DeWayne Tatum and James Murrell Tatum, Jr.; and

WHEREAS, Mary Jane Tatum leaves behind an indelible legacy of integrity and probity in public life, compassion and loyalty in private life, and diligence and dedication in all her chosen endeavors; and

WHEREAS, it is fitting that we should pause to remember the bountiful life of this exceptional public servant and human being; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE ONE HUNDRED TWELFTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, that we honor the memory of Mary Jane Adair Tatum, reflecting fondly upon her impeccable character and her stalwart commitment to living the examined life with courage and conviction.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that we express our sympathy and offer our condolences to the family of Mrs. Tatum.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that an appropriate copy of this resolution be prepared for presentation with this final clause omitted from such copy.